

The stated intent of Pappas to donate free airtime to candidates and issues on only one side of the coming election is another overt manifestation of the abuse of the public airwaves encouraged by termination of the Fairness Doctrine and concentration of ownership/control of broadcast media.

Fair and equitable access to the airwaves by all candidates and issues is vital to maintenance of democracy in the U.S., and IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FCC TO ESTABLISH RULES AND PROCEDURES THAT GUARANTY EQUAL ACCESS BY ALL CANDIDATES. Equal access does not mean that one side gets free time and the other is "free to buy equal time."

The recent intended action by Sinclair and the intended action by Pappas confirms that allowance of greater MEDIA CONCENTRATION and elimination of the FAIRNESS DOCTRINE are failed policies that must be reversed.

Additionally, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LICENSE TO PRINT MONEY that goes along with media ownership, BROADCAST LICENSEES MUST BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FREE AIR TIME EQUALLY TO ALL CANDIDATES in amounts concomitant with adequate distribution and exposure of the message and positions of each candidate.

Thank you;

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